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# Xi Sigma Pi

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erable one in which we pushed our physical limits and mental capacities and enjoyed every minute of it. We also made new friends and formed closer relationships with each other. I would whole heartedly recommend the experience to anyone and everyone.

## Xi Sigma Pi

by Mark Vitosh

Xi Sigma Pi, was founded at the University of Washington on November 24, 1908, and is the oldest and largest national forestry honor fraternity. The Alpha Gamma chapter at Iowa State University was created in 1965. The objectives of the fraternity are:

- to maintain a high standard of scholarship in forestry education,
- to work for the improvement of the forestry profession,
- and to promote a fraternal spirit among those engaged in activities related to the forest.

The requirements to become a member as an undergraduate student include:

- junior or senior status in a forest management curriculum,
- having completed a minimum of 74 credit hours,
- be ranked in the upper 25 percent of the class scholastically,
- and completion of a minimum of 10 semester hours in forest resource management courses.

The requirements to become a member as a graduate student include:

- completion of a minimum of 10 semester hours in forest resource management classes,
- an outstanding record in graduate work,



- enrollment for at least one semester in a school in which a chapter is located.

During the 1995-1996 school year, the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Xi Sigma Pi nominated ten initiates. As one requirement the initiates must complete a community service project during the academic year in order to become members of the society. The initiates this year donated their time to assisting with the setup of the Fourth Annual 8-Hour Relay For Life which is a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society.

The 1995-1996 executive committee for the Alpha Gamma Chapter is comprised of: Forester-John Nahas, Associate Forester-Mark Vitosh, Ranger-Ju Wang, and Secretary-Andy Arends.

The Alpha Gamma Chapter is responsible each year to select the winner of the Keith Bauer Award that is presented to an outstanding sophomore at the annual Forestry Club Game Banquet. The award is named after Keith Bauer, a graduate student in silviculture, who died in an automobile accident in 1965. The award is based on scholastic achievement and professional qualities that best exemplifies the qualities of Keith Bauer. The chapter also selects the winner of the G.B. MacDonald Memorial Senior Leadership Award for advanced studies. This award is given to a Xi Sigma Pi member that exhibits outstanding leadership potential, and is a graduating senior that will be continuing on with graduate studies.

## VEISHEA

by Gretchen Holstein

VEISHEA, Iowa State's traditional spring celebration, met another year's success in 1996. The Forestry Club joined in the activities by giving away blue spruce and white spruce seedlings to people of all ages. An informative proper tree care card was also handed out with each seedling. This was to get the new arborists started on the right foot. These seedlings were planted back in October by some helpful volunteers, and kept in the greenhouse over the long Iowa winter. They were thinned once just before Christmas and really took off in growth over the first part of the new year, reaching a height of around five inches. The seedling give away is always a popular activity, almost as popular as the guest appearance of Smokey the Bear.

This year, a group of foresters got together to reconstruct a small scale model of the cant holder frame from the conclave competition. There was even talk of trying to build a full scale demonstration model, but time and money ran short, maybe next year!!

VEISHA proved itself to be an all around feel-good weekend, where family and friends of fellow Iowa Stater's came together to enjoy one another's company and the atmosphere that this magical place creates.

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the imagination as  
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the character.**

**-James Russel Lowell**